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SUBJECT: THE MCLAIN FAMILY BLUEGRASS SINGERS

REF.: USIA 22561 CIRC

1. WHILE USIS BONN DID NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVE ITSELF IN  
FINANCING THE MCLAIN FAMILY BLUEGRASS SINGERS' TOUR  
IN W. GERMANY, THE GROUP DID APPEAR AT FIVE OF OUR  
INSTALLATIONS AND RECEIVED VERY FAVORABLE RESPONSES.

2. FOLLOWING ARE A SAMPLE OF EVALUATIONS WE RECEIVED:

A) HAMBURG: "A REFRESHINGLY WHOLESOME PROGRAM  
THE RURAL TRADITIONAL AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE ...  
A POSITIVE IMPACT... THE MCLAINS ARE REAL MIDDLE  
AMERICA, DEDICATED, WELL-TRAINED, AND GIFTED  
FOLKART PERFORMERS WHO WOULD HAVE  
LOST IN IMPACT AND CREDIBILITY HAD THEIR PERFOR-  
MANCE BEEN MORE PROFESSIONAL AND ARTISTIC."

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B) NUREMBERG: "THE GROUP PRESENTED ORIGINAL COUNTRY MUSIC... ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED... ONE OF OUR OUTSTANDING MUSICAL PERFORMANCES OF THE YEAR SO FAR..."

C) STUTTGART: "...A FINE PERFORMANCE... THEY PLAY THEIR INSTRUMENTS WELL, AND ARE AT THEIR BEST IN CLOSE HARMONY TRIO AND QUARTET SINGING. AN AUTHENTIC STYLE OF 'BLUEGRASS' AND PRESENTED WITH PERSONALITY AND PROFESSIONAL STAGE PRESENCE... QUICKLY GENERATED EMPATHY FROM AUDIENCE... EXCEPTIONALLY FRIENDLY AND MIXED WITH AUDIENCE DURING INTERMISSION AND AFTER THE PERFORMANCE... HIGHLY RECOMMENDED FOR FURTHER PROGRAMING.  
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